

1 At p. 12, line 24, add --, 40'-- after "40".

2 At p. 13, line 2, add --, 41'-- after "41".

3 At p. 13, line 9, add --31-- after "slots".

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5 Amended Claims

6 1. (Amended) A fence for a cutting table, comprising:

7 an elongated cutting guide;

8 motion conditioning members mountable to the cutting table, each
9 including a movable working flight; [configured for attachment to the
10 cutting table and releasably connected by aligning lugs to the cutting
11 guide to permit substantially linear motion of the elongated cutting guide
12 while holding the elongated cutting guide at a prescribed angular
13 relation; and]

14 aligning lugs releasably interconnecting the cutting guide to the
15 working flights for movement therewith; and

16 wherein the aligning lugs [are configured to permit] releasably
17 engage and disengage the elongated cutting guide and working flights
18 responsive to movement of the cutting guide in a direction normal to
19 the working flights [to be lifted upwardly from engagement with the
20 motion conditioning members].

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1 2. (Amended) A fence for a cutting table as defined by
2 claim 1, further comprising:

3 a locking mechanism operatively connected to the cutting guide
4 [and configured] to secure the cutting guide in a selected position along
5 the motion conditioning members.

6 7. ~~Sub~~ 3. (Amended) A fence for a cutting table, comprising:

8 a pair of elongated guide rails [with brackets configured] to be
9 mounted to the cutting table;

10 an endless chain on each guide rail, trained about sprockets
11 rotatably mounted on the guide rail;

12 each chain including sprocket tooth receiving spaces and a working
13 flight extending along the associated guide rail;

14 a shaft interconnecting one of the sprockets on one guide rail with
15 another one of the sprockets on the remaining guide rail;

16 an elongated cutting guide; and

17 aligning lugs releasably interconnecting [operably mounted to] the
18 cutting guide and working flights in response to movement of the cutting
19 guide in a direction toward to the working flights. [releasably received
20 within selected tooth receiving spaces of the chains in such a manner
21 that the cutting guide may be selectively engaged with the chains and
22 lifted from the chains; and

23 a locking mechanism configured to secure the cutting guide in a
24 selected position along the working flights of the chains.]

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1 4. (Amended) A fence for a cutting table as defined by
2 claim 3, further comprising:

3 a lug adjustor operatively connected [between] to the cutting guide
4 and one of the aligning lugs, [configured] to adjustably position the one
5 aligning lug laterally with respect to the cutting guide.

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7 8. (Amended) A fence for a cutting table as defined by
8 claim 3, further comprising base blocks mounted at opposed ends of the
9 cutting guide;

10 wherein each base block includes a chain receiving groove formed
11 therein; and

12 wherein the aligning lugs are mounted to the base blocks within
13 the chain receiving grooves.

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15 9. (Amended) A fence for a cutting table as defined by
16 claim 3, further comprising:

17 base blocks mounted at opposed ends of the cutting guide;
18 each base block including a chain receiving groove formed therein;

19 wherein the aligning lugs are situated within the chain receiving
20 grooves;

21 a lug adjustor on one of the base blocks, mounting one of the
22 aligning lugs [and configured] to adjust the one aligning lug laterally
23 with respect to the cutting guide.

1 10. (Amended) A fence for a cutting table as defined by
2 claim 3, further comprising base blocks mounted at opposed ends of the
3 cutting guide; and

4 a lug adjuster [or] on one of the base blocks, mounting one of
5 the aligning lugs [and configured] to selectively shift the one aligning lug
6 laterally with respect to the cutting guide.

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11. (Amended) A fence and cutting table, comprising:

2 a table top with a substantially planar top surface and substantially
3 parallel forward and rearward side edges;

4 a pair of elongated guide rails, each including an elongated guide
5 surface[;

6 brackets mounting the pair of guide rails] mounted to the table
7 top in substantial parallel relation to the forward and rearward edges
8 and with the guide surfaces substantially parallel to the top surface;

9 an endless chain on each guide rail, trained about sprockets
10 rotatably mounted on the guide rail;

11 each chain including a working flight extending along the
12 associated guide rail guide surface;

13 each chain further including sprocket tooth receiving spaces;

14 a shaft interconnecting one of the sprockets on one guide rail with
15 another one of the sprockets on the remaining guide rail for common
16 rotation;

17 an elongated cutting guide spanning the top surface of the table
18 top;

19 aligning lugs operably mounted to the cutting guide and releasably
20 received within selected tooth receiving spaces of the chains [and
21 configured in such a manner that the cutting guide and aligning lugs
22 may be selectively engaged with the chains and lifted from the chains;
23 and] responsive to movement of the cutting guide in a direction toward
24 the planar top surface.

[a locking mechanism configured to secure the cutting guide in a selected position along the working flights of the chains.]

12. (Amended) A fence and cutting table as defined by claim 11, further comprising:

a lug adjustor operatively connected to [between] the cutting guide and one of the aligning lugs[, configured] to selectively position the one aligning lug laterally with respect to the cutting guide.

17. (Amended) A fence and cutting table as defined by claim 11, further comprising base blocks mounted at opposed ends of the cutting guide; and

wherein the aligning lugs include a first aligning lug on one of the base blocks[, configured] to secure the cutting guide to one of the chains, and a second aligning lug on a remaining one of the base blocks; and

a lug adjustor operatively connected [between] to the cutting guide and the second aligning lug[, configured] to selectively position the second aligning lug laterally with respect to the cutting guide.